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SUMMARY: THREE DAILIES MAY 30 WERE CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN PRESSURE
THAT CAN BE PUT ON ISRAEL.

1. AS-SHA'AB MAY 30 EDITORIALY CONSIDERED THE NEW DECLARATIONS
BY MENACHEM BEGIN AND MOSHE DAYAN AS A TACTICAL RETREAT DESIGNED
TO CUSHION WORLDWIDE DISAPPROVAL OF THE LIKUD BLOC'S HARD-LINE
POSTURE. "THE NEW ISRAELI STAND IS AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN TIME AND
TO CHANGE THE SHATTERED ISRAELI IMAGE....THE U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR CONVINCING THE NEW ISRAELI LEADERS TO ACCEPT PEACE, FOR ONLY
THE U.S. IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON ISRAEL."
2. AD-DUSTOUR MAY 30 EDITORIALY EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT "CARTER'S
WARNINGS TO ISRAEL WILL BECOME THE MODE. HOWEVER WE ARE NOT HOPEFUL
THAT THESE WARNINGS WILL CHANGE THE POLITICAL STAND OF THE LIKUD
BLOCK OR THE WHOLE SET-UP OF THE ISRAELI PARTY SYSTEM...THIS DILEMMA
(ISRAELI POLITICAL SET-UP) CREATES A MORAL PROBLEM AS FAR AS CARTER
IS CONCERNED, WHICH BEGIN WILL TRY TO MAKE USE OF."

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3. THE PAPER CONCLUDES: "CARTER'S WARNINGS ARE USELESS AND LATE
IN THE FACE OF AN ALREADY KNOWN ISRAELI STAND. IF THE U.S.
WANTS TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL IT CAN BE DONE BY THE USE OF AMERICAN
AID..."

4. AR-RAY MAY 30 EDITORIALY CONSIDERS THAT WITH THE END OF PRINCE
FAHD'S VISIT TO U.S. "CARTER WOULD HAVE HAD A COMPLETE ROUND WITH

THE M.E. LEADERS ENABLING HIM TO WORK FOR PEACE...THAT IS IN SPITE OF ZIONIST EFFORTS TO FOCUS ALL ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LIKUD RISE TO POWER DESIGNED TO DIVERT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION FROM PEACE EFFORTS IN THE AREA...THE ARABS ARE NOW MODERATE, ORGANIZED AND UNITED, WHILE THE ISRAELIS ARE DIVIDED...THIS SITUATION WILL MAKE THE U.S.S. FORCE ISRAEL TO COME TO TERMS WITH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
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5. MAY 31 DAILIES COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

AR-RAY: "TODAY THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IS AFFECTING AMERICAN POLICY WITH ETHICS AND IS TRYING TO REALIZE HARMONY WITH JUSTICE AND DIGNITY

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THIS ATTITUDE WILL HAVE AN ECHO IN OUR COUNTRIES, IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT RESPECT RIGHT AND JUSTICE, AND IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONCERNED THAT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BE A CENTURY OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING."

6. AD-DUSTOUR UNDER THE HEADING OF "THE CHALLENGE TO ETHICS BY ZIONISM" SAID: "IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM IS CHALLENGING CARTER WITH ALL ITS MIGHT. THIS CHALLENGE DOES NOT EMANATE FROM CARTER'S ANTI-SEMITISM OR HIS LOVE FOR THE ARABS BUT BECAUSE CARTER IS BEHAVING FIRST OF ALL AS AN AMERICAN WHO HAS THE STRENGTH TO LOOK AT OUR PROBLEM WITH HIS COUNTRY'S INTERESTS AND FROM AN ETHICAL POINT OF VIEW." "THEREFORE," THE PAPER CONCLUDES, "IT IS PROBABLE THAT ISRAEL AND ZIONISM WILL USE ALL THEIR VICIOUS METHODS TO END THEIR BATTLE WITH CARTER IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO LABEL CARTR WITH ANTI-SEMITISM OR INVENT A DRAMATIC
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CASE AGAINST HIM IN AMERICA."

7. FOLLOWING SUIT, AS-SHA'AB MAY 31 FINDS EDITORIALY THAT CARTER'S DECLARATIONS AGREE WITH SPIRIT OF (A) U.N., ITS CHARTER, AND PRINCIPLES; (B) WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHICH SEEKS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST; (C) SOVIET STAND (USSR IS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE); AND (D) THE ARABS, WHO ONLY WANT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.

8. "THEREFORE," THE PAPER CONCLUDES, "THE U.S. HAS HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITIES IN ESTABLISHING PEACE IN M.E. THROUGH FORCING ISRAEL TO RESPECT AND EXECUTE U. N. RESOLUTIONS."
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